

## **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SELECTING A MEDIA PROCESSOR TO HOST A CONFERENCE**

### **ABSTRACT**

5           A system, method, apparatus, means, and computer program code for  
selecting a media processor to host a conference is provided. According to  
some embodiments, a multipoint controller may control or be associated with a  
plurality of media processors. Different media processors may be  
implemented in software and operating on different hardware platforms. When  
10   a request for a media processor is indicated or received and the multipoint  
controller needs to select or allocate a media processors to host the  
conference, the multipoint controller may select one of the media processors to  
support the new conference based on the media processor's ability to support  
more additional participants than the other media processors in the plurality of  
15   media processors. In some embodiments, the determination of a media  
processor's ability to support additional participants may be based on the  
media processor's current number of supported participants in conferences and  
the media processor's current CPU utilization percentage.